

**METHODS OF MAKING TUNGSTEN  
CARBIDE-BASED ANNULAR JEWELRY ARTICLES**

**ABSTRACT**

5           Wear resistant jewelry apparatus and methods of making the same wherein  
articles of jewelry are made from sinterable metal and/or ceramic powder materials  
compressed into a predetermined configuration and then sintered to form a blank from  
which a jewelry item may be made and to which softer precious metals, stones, crystals or  
other materials suitable for use in jewelry may be affixed. Such items of jewelry may have  
10 multiple facets and can be fabricated using various disclosed techniques and various  
combinations of materials.